

installations in the Zone of the Interior and overseas.

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CIVILIAN PSYCHIATRISTS COMPLETE ETO SURVEY

These psychiatrists have now returned with a report of their findings.

Dr. John C. Wetherhorn, Chief Psychiatrist of Johns Hopkins Hospital and Professor of Psychiatry, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

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diseases usually predominate.

infectious hepatitis.

the number of relapse cases should continue to decrease.

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HEALTH OF TROOPS HERE IS EXCELLENT (Cont'd)

The fact that most of our troops are well seasoned and there are fewer newly inducted troops is responsible in part for this improved health record. Most Army hospital beds here are now occupied by patients evacuated from overseas.

GENERAL BURSTON OF AUSTRALIA HERE

Major General S. Roy Burston, CB, CBE, DSO, VD, AAMC (Med.), Director General of Medical Services of the Australian Military Force, was in Washington this month where he conferred at the Office of The Surgeon General. He recently arrived in this country on an inspection trip during which he will visit military medical installations and civilian hospitals, research laboratories and medical foundations in the United States and Canada.

ORTHOPEDIC FOOTWEAR CLINIC

An orthopedic clinic has been opened at the Boston Quartermaster Depot to supply scientifically designed lasts for shoes that will be specially built for soldiers who have suffered foot injuries in line of duty. Details of the Clinic were worked out jointly by the Office of The Quartermaster General and the Office of The Surgeon General which has assigned an orthopedic surgeon, Major Saul S. Steinbergh, MC, to the Clinic.

A recent "spot check" of general and regional hospitals showed that about a thousand patients are in need of special footwear and many of these will require orthopedic shoes as long as they live, according to Colonel Leonard T. Peterson, Chief of the Orthopedic Branch, Office of The Surgeon General.

Requirements from which the special shoe lasts must be made are very exacting. A newly invented cast making machine, which assures a scientifically accurate mold, has been installed at the Clinic and courses are now being given in its operation. Attending these courses are enlisted orthopedic mechanics from ten hospitals where similar machines will be installed. These hospitals are Lawson General at Atlanta, Ga., Vaughan General at Hines, Ill., McCloskey General at Temple, Tex., Walter Reed General at Washington, D. C., Billings General at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Bushnell General at Brigham City, Utah, Dibble General at Menlo Park, Calif., Madigan General at Tacoma, Wash., and the U. S. Army Hospital Centers at Camp Edwards, Mass., and Camp Carson, Colo.

Lasts for orthopedic shoes will not be made until foot injuries have healed sufficiently so measurements will not change. The patient will then be sent to have a cast made at the nearest hospital which has a casting machine. Measurements can be completed within an hour. After the patient is discharged from the Army his special shoe last will be available for future use.

COLONEL PHILLIPS RECEIVES NEW ASSIGNMENT

A farewell reception was given this month to Lieutenant Colonel Mary G. Phillips, ANC, former Deputy Director of the Nursing Division and Chief of the Nursing Policies Branch, Office of The Surgeon General. She is now on leave prior to departing for the Pacific Ocean Area on her new assignment as Director of Nursing Service.

Colonel Phillips, who is a native of Wisconsin, was graduated from the Army School of Nursing, Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., in 1929, and later became Instructing Supervisor of Nursing there. She received her degree of Nursing Education from Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York City in 1935. Her Army assignments include service in the Philippines as well as service in this country at various Army hospitals. She was assigned to the Nursing Division in The Surgeon General's Office as Assistant to the Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps in May 1943.

COMBAT PAY BILL BEFORE PRESIDENT

Passed by both houses of Congress, the bill providing extra pay for enlisted men entitled to wear the Medical Badge is now before the President for signing. If it becomes a law it will provide \$10 per month extra for enlisted men in the Medical Corps who serve under combat conditions.

TALKS ON NUTRITION

Colonel John B. Youmans, Director of the Nutrition Division, Office of The Surgeon General, addressed the class in Military Government at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., this month. He told of the recent nutritional surveys made overseas by teams from The Surgeon General's Office, and discussed experiences gained in feeding the peoples of Europe and the recently liberated Pacific areas.

DENTAL OFFICERS RECEIVE RIGHT TO COMMAND

On June 30, a law was enacted by Congress which gives Dental Corps officers equal command privileges with other officers of the Medical Department except in the case of hospital commands. Hospital commands are delegated to Medical Corps officers according to Army Regulations.

Heretofore, command privileges of dental officers have been limited by law to within the Dental Corps.

When Dental Corps officers were first commissioned in 1911, they were commissioned only as first lieutenants while Medical Corps officers held higher ranks. The question of command was therefore not an issue. Now, however, the Dental Corps includes many high ranking officers. Furthermore, the Medical Department has expanded to include the Sanitary Corps, the Medical Administrative Corps, the Veterinary Corps and the Pharmacy Corps--none of which came under the obsolete law. The law had to remain in effect, however, until joint action was taken by both houses of Congress and approved by presidential signature.

COLONEL COLEY AWARDED LEGION OF MERIT

The Legion of Merit has been awarded to Colonel Bradley L. Coley, MC, of New York City for performing outstanding services as Surgical Consultant of the Eighth Service Command from 1942 to 1945. The citation declares that "he assisted in organizing the Surgical Service of 105 hospitals, choosing personnel with unusual keenness and assigning them in positions where their talents were used with maximum effectiveness. He overcame handicaps coincident with establishing medical installations and built the command's Surgical Service to a high level of efficiency starting with meager facilities and limited personnel. With unusual ability and resourcefulness, he dealt with other branches of the Army. He tirelessly devoted his great knowledge of surgery to providing exceptional surgical care for troops in the Command and to preparing many highly trained surgical officers for duty in theaters of operations. By his unfailing tact, judgment and administrative skill he was in great measure responsible for the excellent record made by the Surgical Service of the Eighth Service Command."

BRONZE STAR MEDAL TO DENTAL OFFICER

Major Fred G. Nasr, DC, of Omaha, Nebr., has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for saving the lives of two Filipino soldiers. According to his citation, Major Nasr, then Captain, "On March 27, 1942, although injured and having one arm in a cast, left his collecting station at Marivelles Air Field, Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to rescue two Filipino soldiers who had been buried alive in a bomb crater. Braving heavy bombardment and strafing by Japanese aircraft, he remained at his self-appointed task, liberated the two soldiers and then gave them necessary medical attention at his aid station. His heroic conduct and great personal risk saved the lives of the two men." Major Nasr was taken prisoner of war but later liberated and returned to the United States.

NEW MEDICAL SERVICE CHIEF AT VALLEY FORGE

Lieutenant Colonel Steige D. Blackford, MC, of Charlottesville, Va., is now Chief of the Medical Service at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. He succeeds Lieutenant Colonel Maurice A. Schitker, MC, of Toledo, O., who has left for an overseas assignment.

Colonel Blackford recently returned to this country after 30 months' service as Chief of the Medical Service of the 8th Evacuation Hospital in North Africa and Italy. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work with that hospital. A graduate of the Department of Medicine, University of Virginia, he was Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at the University when he entered the Army.

CORRECTION

News Notes No. 23, June 30, 1945, Page 6, MEDICAL OFFICERS ON "ARMY HOUR" Line 5, which reads "General Guy B. Halleck, USA, Theater Surgeon for General MacArthur's forces in the Far East," should read, "General Guy B. Denit, USA, Theater Surgeon for General MacArthur's forces in the Far East,."

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE REPRESENTED

The meeting of the Food Industries Advisory Committee of the Nutrition Foundation, Inc., which was held June 27 at New York City, was attended by Colonel John B. Youmans, Director of the Nutrition Division, Office of The Surgeon General. Discussions in which he participated included nutrition studies related directly to the war.

ATTEND ARMY NURSE EXHIBIT OPENING

Major General George F. Lull, USA, Deputy Surgeon General, and Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, ANC, Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, spoke briefly at the formal opening of "The Army in War" exhibit in Philadelphia, Pa., this month. The exhibit is jointly sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, the American Red Cross and the Army Medical Department. Army nurses just returned from overseas are on duty to explain the various displays which will be open to the public at the showrooms of the Philadelphia Electric Company until July 21.

AMPUTEE DRIVING DEMONSTRATION

A unique driving demonstration was given by amputation patients at the Forest Glen Section of Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. Included in the audience were Army and Navy officers, Government officials, state motor vehicle administrators and representatives from engineering and traffic control groups.

First, these soldiers who had lost arms or legs showed how skillfully they could handle an auto as a result of the training now being given handicapped soldiers in driving courses as part of the Army Reconditioning Program. In this demonstration they drove the regulation dual control cars in which they had received their instruction. They next demonstrated their driving ability in autos equipped with special devices.

These mechanical aids have been designed by the War Engineering Board of the Society of Automotive Engineers to assist the handicapped to drive and are an additional safety element. Selection of equipment depends on the specific disability of the driver. Its installation will not interfere with the car's normal operation by other drivers.

LEGION OF MERIT AWARDED COLONEL MOORE

Lieutenant Colonel William S. Moore, MC, of Washington, D. C., has been awarded the Legion of Merit for his service as Assistant Military Attache to the Legation of the United States at Cairo, Egypt, from February 1942 to February 1943. According to his citation, "his observations and reports on military operations throughout the Middle East, particularly in the Western Desert, and the El Alamein offensive, were invaluable to the War Department, especially those pertaining to the causes, treatment and evacuation of battle casualties.

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LEGION OF MERIT AWARDED COLONEL MOORE (Cont'd)

As Military Attache and Liaison Officer with the representatives, in Cairo, of the Allied Governments in Exile from February 1943 to January 1944, he established and coordinated intelligence activities which were of great value to the Headquarters of the United States Army Forces in the Middle East."

COLONEL WARREN ELECTED FELLOW

Lieutenant Colonel Leon H. Warren, MC, Chief of the Research Coordination Branch and Assistant Director of the Technical Division, Office of The Surgeon General, was elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians at a recent meeting of the Regents of the College.

For the past three years he has served as Secretary of the Medical Department Technical Committee which standardizes Army Medical Department equipment and supplies. He is a member of the National Research Council, representing the War Department in the Division of Medical Sciences, and is Medical Department Liaison Officer to the National Inventors Council.

Colonel Warren was graduated from the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of M.D. in 1931 and received the degree of Master of Medical Science in dermatology and syphilology from the University's Graduate School of Medicine in 1939. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology and Syphilology and is the author of a handbook of skin diseases.

CAPTAIN DITTRICK NOW CHIEF OF EDUCATIONAL BRANCH

Captain Alva R. Dittrick, AUS, formerly Deputy Chief has been made Chief of the Educational Branch, Reconditioning Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General. He replaces Lieutenant Colonel William S. Briscoe, AUS, who has returned to private life as Assistant Superintendent of Schools at Oakland, Calif.

DENTAL OFFICERS KNOWN LIBERATED

Reports have been received at the Office of The Surgeon General that the following dental officers were among those liberated from German prison camps:

Captain Hugo Fielschmidt, DC, of Dracut, Mass., was liberated May 11, 1945. Captain Benedict B. Kimmelman, DC, of Philadelphia, Pa., was liberated May 27, 1945. Captain John J. Thornquist, DC, of Los Angeles, Calif., was liberated April 29, 1945, and 1st Lieutenant Louis R. Piazza, DC, was liberated April 29, 1945.

PROMOTIONS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

Colonel to Brigadier General

EDWARD REYNOLDS, AUS, of Washington, D. C., Chief, Supply Service.

Major to Lieutenant Colonel

JAMES J. SOUDER, SnC, of Washington, D. C., Hospital Division, Operations Service.

First Lieutenant to Captain

CHESTER M. BLYTHE, MAC, of Shippensburg, Pa., Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service.

ALBERT B. FISHER, MAC, of New York, N. Y., Stock Control Division, Supply Service.

JAMES B. TWYMAN, MC, of Charlottesville, Va., Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service.

Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant

LEWIS W. SHELTON, TC, of Alameda, Calif., Office Service Division.

GRAVES H. WILSON, MAC, of Atlanta, Ga., Technical Division, Operations Service.

ARRIVALS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

CAPTAIN HOWARD L. HAUGE, MC, of Madison, Wis., formerly Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operations, assigned to Physical Standards Division, Professional Administrative Service.

MAJOR ALEXANDER T. ROSS, MC, of Indianapolis, Ind., formerly European Theater of Operations, assigned to Neuropsychiatry Consultants Division.

CAPTAIN WALTER S. NEUSTADTER, MAC, of New York, N. Y., formerly Army Medical Purchasing Office, New York, assigned to Executive Office.

CAPTAIN SIDNEY HYMAN, MAC, Chicago, Ill., formerly European Theater of Operations, assigned to Historical Division.

MAJOR NICHOLAS A. CANUSO, MC, of Philadelphia, Pa., formerly 25th Portable Hospital, Southwest Pacific Area of Operations, assigned to Induction Branch, Physical Standards Division, Professional Administrative Service.

CAPTAIN JAMES W. VAUDRY, MC, of New Orleans, La., formerly Army Air Base, Sioux City, Iowa, assigned to Disposition and Retirement Branch, Physical Standards Division, Professional Administrative Service.

2d LIEUTENANT RICHARD L. LOUGHLIN, MAC, of Woodhaven, N. Y., formerly Carlisle Barracks, Pa., assigned to Historical Division.

REASSIGNMENTS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

CAPTAIN J. D. BOOLE, MAC, formerly Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service, assigned to Resources Analysis Division.

DEPARTURES, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH J. GILBERT, SnC, of Abington, Pa., formerly Sanitary Engineering Division, Preventive Medicine Service, to be assigned overseas.

MAJOR GEORGE S. GOLDMAN, MC, of New York, N. Y., formerly Neuropsychiatry Consultants Division, assigned to Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J.

CAPTAIN WALTER A. EKEREN, MAC, of Thief Falls, Minn., formerly Physical Standards Division, Professional Administrative Service, assigned to 212th Hospital Ship Complement.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM H. EVERTS, MC, of New York, N. Y., formerly Neuropsychiatry Consultants Division, assigned overseas.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WAYNE A. STARKEY, MC, of Altus, Okla., formerly Training Division, Operations Service, assigned overseas.

MAJOR WALTER G. HAYNES, MC, of Chicago, Ill., formerly Surgical Consultants Division, assigned to Headquarters, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, Ga.

CAPTAIN STANLEY B. RUSSELL, MAC, of Birmingham, Ala., formerly Venereal Disease Control Division, Preventive Medicine Service, assigned overseas.

CAPTAIN JOHN H. McMINN, MAC, formerly Historical Division, assigned to Fifth Service Command, Fort Hayes, Ohio.

CITED FOR OKINAWA WORK

Word has been received that Major Victor A. Bacile, MC, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., has been officially commended for "professional ability while serving with surgical units," during the heavy fighting on Okinawa.

The letter of commendation pointed out that Major Bacile worked long hours day and night, caring for the wounded during the height of the bloody battle last May, without regard to his own health and safety.

Major Bacile, who was Chief of Surgical Service at Carlisle Station Hospital, Pa., was assigned to the 82nd Field Hospital early this year and was recently transferred to the 7th Field Hospital. He landed in Okinawa at the outset of the fighting and remained there throughout the campaign.

MAJOR NEWBURGER, JR., NEW DIRECTOR, OFFICE SERVICE DIVISION

Major Frank L. Newburger, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., has been assigned as Director of the Office Service Division, Office of The Surgeon General. He was formerly Medical Supply Officer with the 20th General Hospital, the University of Pennsylvania Affiliated Unit, stationed in India.

MAJOR BATY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SANITARY ENGINEERING DIVISION

Major James B. Baty, SnC, has been made Assistant Director of the Sanitary Engineering Division, Office of The Surgeon General, replacing Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Gilbert, SnC, who is being assigned overseas.